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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 937**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS IN A HOME SETTING RATHER THAN A NURSING HOME FACILITY.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the social services (DSS) commissioner, in consultation with the public health (DPH) commissioner, to:

1. develop a plan to ensure that, starting January 1, 2016 at least 75% of elderly people (ages 60 and older) requiring long-term care receive it in a home setting instead of a nursing home facility (it appears to assume that this percentage would select and be functionally eligible for home care);
2. conduct a study by October 1, 2013 to gather certain information needed to implement the plan;
3. convene a working group by October 1, 2013 consisting of state agency, long-term care consumer, and long-term care provider representatives; and
4. present the plan to the Aging, Human Services, and Public Health committees by December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **STUDY REQUIREMENTS**

The bill requires the study to project the:

1. number of elderly residents needing long-term care starting January 1, 2016;
2. percentage of these people who are functionally capable of receiving long-term care at home;

3. federal and state funds available to support long-term care starting January 1, 2016; and
4. savings from providing home care versus nursing home facility care to 75 percent of those needing long-term care.

The study must also identify necessary labor force changes and the plan's impact on nursing home facilities.

#### **WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION**

The bill requires the working group to include (1) elderly long-term care consumers, home care providers, and for-profit and nonprofit nursing homes, or their representatives and (2) DSS and DPH staff overseeing long-term care services and regulations. The bill does not specify the group's responsibilities.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    12    Nay   0    (03/07/2013)